

2010 -- H 7095

=====
LC00344
=====

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

—————
A N A C T

RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Gallison, San Bento, Martin, MacBeth, and Fellela

Date Introduced: January 12, 2010

Referred To: House Veterans` Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 31-3 of the General Laws entitled "Registration of Vehicles" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
3 **31-3-17.5. Veterans' and disabled veterans' courtesy plates.** – The administrator of the
4 division of motor vehicles shall design and issue under regulations that he or she deems
5 appropriate, veterans' and disabled veteran's courtesy plates to be used on passenger motor
6 vehicles, and motorcycles whose gross weight is not more than nine thousand pounds (9,000 lbs.)
7 in lieu of other number plates. Special plates shall be of such design and shall bear such letters or
8 combinations of letters and numbers as the administrator of the division of motor vehicles shall
9 prescribe, and shall be made of light-reflecting sheeting applied on a metal base, provided that no
10 automobile set of plates shall contain more than five (5) letters and numbers in a combination of
11 letters and numbers, or less than two (2) letters, and that no motorcycle plate shall contain more
12 than five (5) letters or more than five (5) letters and numbers in a combination or less than two (2)
13 letters, and provided further, that there shall be no duplication of identification and the
14 administrator of the division of motor vehicles shall in his or her discretion refuse to issue any
15 letter or combination of letters and numbers which might carry connotations offensive to good
16 taste and decency. A veterans' or disabled veterans' courtesy plate shall be issued upon
17 application using forms furnished by the administrator of the division of motor vehicles, and upon
18 payment, in addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, a service charge of
19 sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each issue and for each registration renewal; provided, however, eligible

1 veterans pursuant to subsection 31-6-8(a) are exempt from registration and service fees. For
2 motorcycles, a special courtesy plate shall be issued upon application using forms furnished by
3 the division of motor vehicles, and upon payment, in addition to the regular prescribed motor
4 vehicle registration fee, a service charge of thirty-four dollars (\$34.00) for each issue and for each
5 registration renewal. The service charge shall be paid to the administrator of the division of motor
6 vehicles prior to the administrator's acceptance of the application. Nothing contained within this
7 section shall be construed to restrict the provisions of section 31-3-53.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

=====
LC00344
=====

EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
A N A C T
RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

- 1 This act would allow the issuance of vanity plates to veterans and disabled veterans.
- 2 Eligible veterans pursuant to subsection 31-6-8(a) are exempt from any fees.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

=====
LC00344
=====